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11/08/2011 10:21 PM

Comments on AO
2011-23
To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23 comment

Hi,

Corporations are people right? PAC's are only bound by a single regulation, they cannot coordinate with campaigns but coordinating with campaign issue adds is ok? I have an advanced degree but I still don't understand either. Can I have a peanut butter sandwich? Please?

Thanks,

Kaitlin Palmer

Ithaca, NY.



Alicia Lancashire
<alicialancashire@yahoo.com>
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11/09/2011 09:27 AM

Please respond to
Alicia Lancashire
<alicialancashire@yahoo.com>
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To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
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Subject Karl Rover

That's right after you all created this UNGODLY alliance the poor manipulators feel things are not clear enough! Really? there clear enough to the rest of us! Stop elections and politicians from being bought. We deserve the Democracy, WE the people pay for with taxes, work in our communities and the blood of our soldiers....EITHER THAT! or STOP Telling us we live in a DEMOCRACY! It's insulting to us the public who are paying attention. Karl Rover had his turn at the wheel Its time you help him find a job where he cant hurt himself or US!



michael maholtz
<michaeltmaholtz@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 09:25 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Please tell Karl Rove that he is a black spot on our republic.

Thanks, Michael Maholtz
Member of Colbert Super PAC



"Paul J. Marshall"
<PMarshall@vulcraft-al.com>

11/09/2011 08:59 AM

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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

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You gotta be shi" in me!

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Paul Marshall
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John Goodman
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Sirs,

I am in support of the request made by Americans For A Better Tomorrow,
Tomorrow. Ham Rove is a really smart lunchmeat....

John Goodman



Matthew Bauccho
<mbauccho@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 08:40 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to urge you to deny Karl Rove's (or anyone else's) attempt to subvert our political system by evading the laws that prevent cooperation between political candidates and the PACs that wish to see them elected.

The corrupting influence of money on our political system is already far too widespread without allowing rich and amoral persons to further destroy our republic. Please make sure this treacherous and underhanded trickery is struck down. We need to be fighting to reduce the impact of money on politics in America, not increase it.

Sincerely,
Matthew Bauccho



Bill Kristy
<bill23@comcast.net>
11/09/2011 08:52 AM

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Subject AOR 2011-23 Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion
Request

It is wrong for a Super PAC to coordinate with candidate's campaigns.

Super PAC can raise unlimited money, which had already ensured the end of America as we know it; please do not wrongly speed up the nation's destruction by ruling favorably on Karl Rove's request.



Lela Armstrong
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11/09/2011 08:56 AM

To <secretary@fec.gov>
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<jeolver@seattleschools.org>

11/09/2011 10:45 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject re: American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request

Hello –

Would you please deny American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request, and – if you cannot end Super-PACs – at least greatly restrict their operations.

Jon Olver
Salmon Bay 6th grade Math



alex moir
<amm2623@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 10:04 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Karl Rove

I'm watching his back and looking over his shoulder. Let the boy run amok!

Alex Moir
Austin, Texas



Adam Rope
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11/09/2011 02:33 PM

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<adamirope@yahoo.com>

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject AOR 2011-23

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Please include this letter in documents relating to the evaluation process of AOR 2011-23.

Sincerely,

Adam L. Rope

US Citizen

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA



Gabriel Foreman
<gabrielforeman@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 09:10 AM

To Secretary@fec.gov
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Subject Public Comment on AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary,

Regulation of campaign financing by way of SuperPAC is already so dismal, please do not allow its further decent into meaninglessness.

Best regards,
Gabriel



Susan & Ivan Martin
<themmartins@optimum.net>

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2011-23

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We strongly **disagree** with Mr. Rove's request.

Susan & Ivan Martin
Hoboken, New Jersey



**"Rahija, Michael
\\(IFPRI-Rome)"
<M.Rahija@cgiar.org>**

11/09/2011 09:11 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject AOR 2011-23

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Please deny the American Crossroads Advisory opinion Request. Corporate financing of political campaigns is ruining our country.

Kind regards,

Michael Rahija



Andy Hay
<39sumer3939@gmail.com>
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How about reforming the rules instead.

B. Esstman
Fairfax, VA



Phyllis Laughlin
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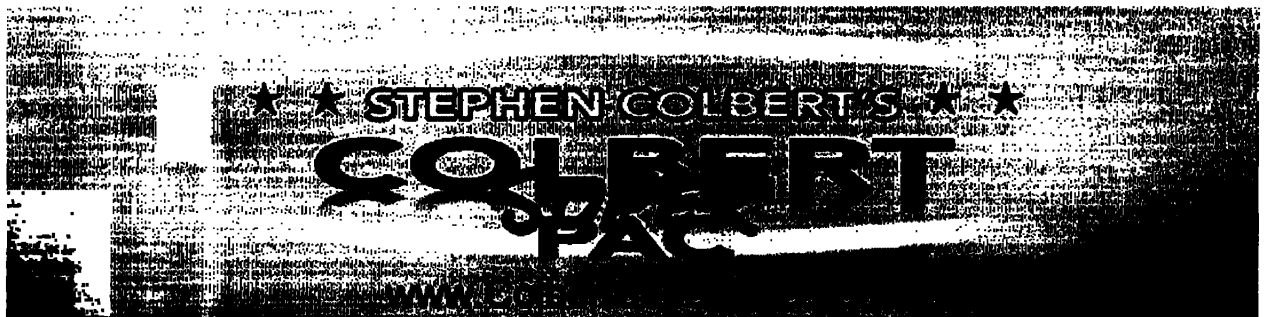
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I can't say it better than our President and Maitre D'.
Include me in.

Phyllis Laughlin

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<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

Accordingly, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow respectfully requests the Commission's timely consideration of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion

Request.

Super Sincerely Yours,

Stephen Colbert
President & Maître D'
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

Ham Rove
Chief Strategist & Lunchmeat
Americans for A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Inc.

PS – If the commission does not see fit to grant this request fully, Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow would like to offer a compromise. To avoid the appearance of collusion, the F.E.C. could rule that candidates can appear in Super PAC ads only against their will. They'd have to be kidnapped, blindfolded, and thrown in a van before being forced to read a statement supporting their goals and then returned to their fundraisers in time for dessert.

Paid for by Americans for a Better Tomorrow,
Tomorrow
Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's
committee.
www.colbertsuperpac.com

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Andrew Hay



sirshannon
<sirshannon@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 09:38 AM

To **Secretary@fec.gov**
cc
bcc
Subject **Regarding AOR 2011-23**

What fun is buying somebody an election if you have no elected official to share the moment with?

Please allow our almighty corporations to anonymously fund elections with no limits at all so that our government will completely belong to corporations, as god intended it.

Thank you.

Shannon J Hager
Charlotte, NC 28211



Vicky Pease
<VPease@karealty.com>

11/09/2011 09:39 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject American Crossroads Superpac

You should say NO to Karl Rove's request to coordinate with a candidates' campaigns to do commercials for them. There are enough problems with Superpacs. Personally I think you should get rid of them all.



Jodie Gould
<jodlegould@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 09:40 AM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
bcc
Subject **Karl Rove's Opinion Request**

It is my humble opinion that Karl Rove is trying to dance around the regulations that prohibit PACs from explicitly supporting candidates he can unleash his PAC funds onto the candidate whom he supports. Please do not allow any person, place or thing to do this.

--

Jodie Gould
Member, Colbert's Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow



"Adam Stewart"
<adam@onemanleft.com>
11/09/2011 09:43 AM

To **<Secretary@FEC.gov>**
cc
bcc
Subject **AOR 2011-23**

I'd like to submit a Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23).

There is no point in having a rule against coordination with campaigns if the candidates are going to play games with semantics. It's not an issue commercial if it features a candidate talking about issues. Face time is advertising the candidate. Voice over is advertising the candidate. These people already got away with murder, please don't let them have this too.

Adam Stewart



"Mike Stolarski"
<mike@premiershockwave.com>

11/09/2011 09:46 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
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Subject Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

As a concerned American, I am deeply concerned that Karl Rove's request for the aforementioned Opinion Request is an intentional circumvention of the Federal Election Commission laws – and even if there is a technical loophole allowing this sort of Request, it is clearly outside of the spirit of the laws of the United States.

Please deny Mr. Rove his request.

Respectfully,

A. Michael Stolarski
Atlanta, GA



barb matzdorf
<matzdorf@gmail.com>
11/09/2011 09:51 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

We need stronger regulation, not weaker. Watered-down reform is not going to satisfy this time.

I think, and sincerely hope, that this technological age has brought some new transparency that will only increase in scope and be followed, hopefully, by accountability for the choices politicians make.

Barb Matzdorf



fjdye@comcast.net
11/09/2011 09:55 AM

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Super Sincerely Yours,

Fred and Mary Ann Dye



Christy
<cbupser@yahoo.com>
11/09/2011 09:59 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Karl Rove

Don't let Karl Rove and his Superpac change the rules which would allow his Superpac millionaires money an even easier opportunity to buy elections.

Yes, I watch the Colbert Report, but I also vote and would like the election process to not consider corporations as people in regards to campaign donations.

Thank you for considering my input in your decision.

Christy Barrera



Jessica Morales
<phaserelastra@hotmail.com>

To <secretary@fec.gov>

cc

11/09/2011 10:01 AM

bcc

Subject Karl Rove's AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary:

Through the television show, The Colbert Report, I have become aware the Karl Rove is trying to identify the "letter of the law" when it comes to how much a super-PAC is able to influence advertisement campaigns for elected officials.

It is obvious to the viewers of the show that Stephen Colbert is making a mockery of our legal and political system. The worst part is that he's obeying "the letter of the law" and following rules that were set up to facilitate positive political action. So all that this tells me is that the politicians who set up SuperPACs are laundering money and abusing the privilege of being able to hide where their money comes from, so that they can create "issue ads", which are indistinguishable to the American public from actual election advertisements.

But considering the fact that this corrupt system can be abused, I would rather see Stephen Colbert, a comedian and celebrity, achieve something positive while abusing the SuperPAC system. To me, Karl Rove is a criminal, trying to get away with whatever he can with the money he has raised. So I would like to see Stephen Colbert's request granted, so this way he can continue to show the American people why they shouldn't have any faith in our political system or any of the candidates. In Stephen's statement to the FEC, "That will prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations." So let's prove the comedian correct and help him continue to mock politics, in an effort to facilitate change.

Though I am not legally obligated to reveal this information, I have a vested interest in Stephen Colbert's SuperPAC due to my financial contributions. I fully support his messages and intent.

Super regards,
Jessica Morales



Eric Snyder
<snyeric@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:55 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's AOR 2011-23

Dear FEC,

In my opinion, Karl rove's Opinion request (AOR 2011-23), is a subversion of the democratic process in America.

The Citizen's United decision has threatens to destroy representative democracy in the United States by allowing unlimited, unregulated, anonymous political contributions by corporations and labor unions.

These funds are used to fear-monger, pander. They fund demonization, smear campaigns and demagoguery.

Karl Rove will use your finding to underhine and steal our rights. He will hand the country to the vicious among the rich.

America's citizens have awakened, and are holding you acceuntable. Do not let us down.

Sincerely,
Eric H. Snyder



Kristen Taddonio
<dckristent@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 11:00 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Air 2011 -23

Please add the following public comment to the record : I oppose allowing superpacs to have any affiliation whatsoever with candidates campaigns and I urge you to make sure of that in your future actions and interpretations.

Kristen Taddonio
Citizen
Virginia



"Valeriano Diviacchi"
<inncourt@verizon.net>
11/09/2011 09:39 AM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

November 9, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

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I support the comments made by Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow. There is no reason why the rich and powerful should control our elections and politicians solely behind the scenes by uncoordinated activities as Old School bagmen. They might as well do it upfront and get full credit for it as New School bagmen.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Valeriano Diviacchi

Valeriano Diviacchi
val@diviacchi.com



Tyler Bowersock
<tylerbowersock@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 11:00 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Take money out of politics

Dear FEC,

Please rule against Karl Rove's Opinion Request. "We the people" make up this nation. It's now time to return it to them. This sham of allowing unlimited money flow indirectly into campaigns is a travesty.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bowersock



mark stone
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11/08/2011 11:01 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject American Crossroads

The worst government money has bought!



Ben Seaver
<ben@seaver@live.com>
11/08/2011 11:01 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Karl Rove

Politics are bad enough as they are. Please do everything you can to keep Karl Rove in check as he submits his opinion request in order to barely adhere to the law to coordinate unethical campaign behavior.

I wish I could say we didn't bring it on ourselves as a nation but there unfortunately are times when we need a big brother outside of Oceania.

I still believe in the FEC. Good luck!

-Ben Seaver



Andrew Mugica
<mugica@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 11:02 PM

Please respond to
mugica@gmail.com

To Secretary@fec.gov

cc

bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth,

Please do not allow the federal election campaigns to become even more beholden to special interests. Please do not allow the absurd, bloated, money-tarnished election process to be further corrupted by opaque, irresponsible organizations. As a young citizen of this country, I shudder to think of the ferocity at which campaigns are currently forced to solicit donations- the thought that they will be fighting for an even bigger chunk of shadowy money absolutely terrifies me. I beg the Commission to take steps to limit the money involved in federal campaigns- please start by denying this request for coordinated advertisements from Super PACs. My future tax dollars have already been promised in amounts that can't be kept to people who have no interest in the future, and I'm convinced much of this has to do with our electoral system. I hope we can find ways to avoid exacerbating this problem. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrew Mugica



Terrence Manion
<mantontj@lopers.unk.edu>

11/08/2011 11:06 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject AOR 2011-23

Dear Sir of Madam:

My opinion on this issue is that there should be no collusion between SuperPACs likes Rove's and actual campaigns. This is just a way for candidates to not follow the rules that should be understood and upheld by all. These PACs are not good and should actually be done away with. We need more controls that are both clear and do not allow people or ham loafs do such a thing that breaks or bends the word of law.

Thank you:

Terrence Manion



Heath Dehn
<hd83norcal@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 11:06 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Outrage over Carl Rove concerning AOR 2011-23

I'm tired of hearing about people manipulating and abusing the system! If Carl Rove's request is passed this will be a just another blotch on our political system next to the Supreme Courts ruling that corporations are people and money is their free speech!

- Heath Dehn



"Kathy Kind"
<kind1@ca.rr.com>

11/08/2011 11:08 PM

Please respond to
"Kathy Kind"
<kind1@ca.rr.com>

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

cc

bcc

Subject AOR 2011-23

FEC--Either Karl Rove and the Koch brothers and his other billionaire pals own democracy or they do not. The ONE regulation left, after Citizens' United trashed the facade of democracy, is that campaigns cannot co-ordinate with candidates. Ben Nelson and his money raisers have gotten around this by the use of "issue" ads. Karl wants in on that. It is time to take back democratic elections. Allowing the uber rich to control everything about democracy is harming our country in unimaginable ways.

I urge you to end the "issue" ads. I urge you to deny Karl Rove even more power over the electoral process. Either way, I urge you to actually have a press conference and make your positions clear in a public way.

If you believe, as most Americans do, that the Supreme Court effectively made the voice of the rich and powerful billions of times louder than the rest of us--maybe it is time to speak up? As it is now, the FEC is increasingly useless. And it should not be. Super PACs are an extreme bastardization of real democracy. Rove and the Kochs and Rove's secret millionaire donors treat our elections as a high stakes game where they make the rules, have all the money and can pay to make this country whatever they want it to be. And they do not want actual democracy.

So, the question is--do you believe elections should be democratic or run exclusively by the rich? I urge you to reject Rove (and stop Ben Nelson as well.) Issue ads are a joke and the joke is on real Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.
Kathryn Kind
Venice, CA



Sheryl Szot Gallaher
<ssgrx7@sbcglobal.net>
11/08/2011 11:12 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Karl Rove's Opinion Request

RE: Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR 2011-23)

As a contributing supporter of the Colbert Super PAC, I heartily endorse the notion that supporting an issue is quite different from supporting a candidate. Thus, as Karl, or his twin brother Ham, begins his honey-baked scheme to create advertisements for candidates' issues, I urge the FEC to either deny, defy or crucify the plan. I would hate to see America's long tradition of rigged elections to take a turn for the worse.

Sheryl

Sheryl Szot Gallaher
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Bradley Bezzina
<brad.bezzina@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 11:13 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

Please approve this opinion, as more money is needed to influence voters opinions. Also please add in a provision that each dollar a Super PAC collects \$1 must also be sent to me. Thank you
-Brad



Dan Harochaw
<danharochaw@gmail.com>

11/08/2011 10:16 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**

cc

bcc

Subject **Advisory Opinion Request**

As you already know, the request submitted by Karl Rove and American Crossroads run contrary to sentiment already blatantly obvious in American public opinion: Money should not be allowed to rule the political process.

America has already earned the world's largest income disparity and all the perks that go along with it: political discontent, violence, a detrimental lack of regulation in America's key institutions (SEC), and a general sense of the poverty induced depression that has seeped into every pore of American life as we know it.

I implore you to do the right thing. The FEC knows the truth of this. Allowing money to be the chief determinant in the American political process, thus playing straight into the hands of the woeful few, would yield evidence to one more morally bankrupt institution.

Be the organization that the mass majority of the country hopes and prays that you are. Stem the tide and help us give the American people back their voice. I implore you to make the vote count once again, to get American leaders back to forming political ties and formulating policy rather than be mired in a perpetual campaign.

Thank you for your time,

Danial Harochaw



Dan Rosenfield
<aegc@earthlink.net>

11/08/2011 10:17 PM

Please respond to
Dan Rosenfield
<aegc@earthlink.net>

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject The Rove Filing

Please do not allow Rove to further distort our election system and the laws governing it.

Dan Rosenfield



Jennifer Quilkey
<jquilkey@mac.com>
11/08/2011 10:18 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Request AOR 2011-23

This has to stop. Elections should not be bought. Use your common sense, you political junkies, and get us back to a united States of America.

Jennifer Quilkey
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Sally Hartzell
<sallyhartzell@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:22 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
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Subject **AOR 2011-23**

I think Karl Rove's Opinion Request AOR 2011-23 should be denied. Sally Hartzell



Murray Echt
<murrayecht@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:22 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
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Subject Public Comment on Karl Roves' request for
"Coordinated"/"Uncoordinated" "Issue" Ads

I would like to respectfully ask, do you believe that allowing corporations to influence elections by handing out money is acceptable?

Thank you for your time.



Peter Cutty
<cuttyp1@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:23 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Mr and/or Ms. Werth,

I hope you've found your time with the FEC extremely enjoyable. I mean who wouldn't. You supervise a fantastically pandered to government organization. Anyway I'll make this short. A little bird told me that there's a bit of a question before your board of electors: Should elected officials be allowed to appear in ads that otherwise endorse and or support the candidate up for election? The answer quite simply is..... maybe. I guess that depends on what 'maybe' means to you. To me maybe is a 50/50 sort of thing. Like maybe I want a bear to maul my face off or maybe i want to eat a bowl of ice cream. Let me be vaguely unclear here. I in no way want to equate Mr. Rove's point: that allowing a candidate to appear in an ad that is funded with support from the Super PAC is not unlike Colonel Sanders on the KFC label, to the bear mauling my face off. I like bears in fact I consider Mr. Rove one of the greatest bears this nation has ever seen. (I saw him kill a greyhound once with his own hands. Only bears can do that.) So before you consider this request maybe there's another question you should ask yourself do you really want Crossroads placing ads that clearly condone bear attacks. Because if Mr. Rove is a bear, and I've clearly demonstrated as much, and he supports/coordinates the ads that Crossroads wants to create. Then ipso-facto they are supporting bear attacks. I want to end this by thanking you for your time and also apologizing for wasting your time with this ridiculous rant. I hope you allow me sometime in the future to continue this childish fantasy as we seek to remedy this problem before us. And by 'us' I mean you. I'll leave you with this picture of chainsaw bear to take a moment and realize what horror Mr. Rove's Crossroads could be unleashing on this nation.

Yours Truly
Peter Cutty



"Rosco O'Toole"
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11/08/2011 10:26 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Opinion Request AOR 2011-23 - DO NOT GIVE PACS OF
ANY KIND ANY MORE POWER!

Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

DO NOT GIVE PACS OF ANY KIND ANY MORE POWER!!!!



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Thanks,
Sanju



Lani Clark
<lanl_clark@hotmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:38 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

To Whom It May Concern:

There is really only one rule that binds Super PACs: that they may not coordinate with candidates' campaigns. If you let Karl Rove circumvent this ONE rule, you are going to confirm what most citizens believe is true - that the FEC is willing to break rules. If you expect everyone else to play by the rules, so must you.

Best regards,

Lani Clark



Robert Dittmar
<rd1068@gmail.com>
11/08/2011 10:43 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject AOR 2011-23

Karl Roves' AOR 2011-23. My comments on Karl Rove's Opinion Request:

The aforementioned opinion request of one such Karl Rove should be banished back into the annals of one such Karl Rove for all time... with a resounding "All Requests Denied!".

It's bad for our democracy and you know it.

Robert Dittmar
Upstanding Law Abiding Voting Member of Our Democratic Society
And a Chiver!



Kyle Collins
<kcollins7@bellsouth.net>

11/08/2011 10:44 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
bcc
Subject **Karl Rove's Request**

Don't approve of it.

Sincerely,
Kyle Collins



Linda Zandstra
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11/08/2011 10:51 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Advisory Opinion Request: American Crossroads - Citizen Comment

Dear Secretary Werth,

I'm certain that you have been inundated with email facilitated by Steven Colbert's email to his supporters. I appreciate Mr. Colbert's facilitation of my email to you as well as his brief yet accurate critique of American Crossroads and it's backers' request which is presented in his letter to you thusly:

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This is exactly the argument American Crossroads has made - does it sound any smarter or more legal when it's in the form of a brightly colored beverage?

Idiocy. This entire farcical pretense of oversight of electoral spending is idiocy. Please, pull your collective heads out of which ever dark tunnel they are inhabiting long enough to draw one, just ONE line in the sand which the political parties can not cross while they presenting us with candidates that they have purchased/emptied the souls from. Tell Mr. Rove no. Please don't make us drink Karl's Kool-Aid.

Sincerely,

Linda Zandstra



Arran Blattel
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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Secretary Werth:

As a contributor to Colbert Super PAC, I'd like to throw my weight behind this flippant, yet very real reply to the American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request.

Sincerely,
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Gene Puerta
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11/08/2011 11:19 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (AOR
2011-23)

Dear Secretary,

It is great to know that our democracy will be stronger due to the actions of people like Karl Rove. When cash from anonymous individuals like corporations and millionaires can buy ads it really speaks to the common individual that makes about \$40,000 a year. I am glad that there are such entities as a "Super PAC" and I really hope that these entities can participate in our election process, in the form of public persuasion that is known as the campaign ad.

When I served this nation overseas in the great city that was the capital of Iraq (2005-2006), I knew that we (the United States) could never come close to the crazy election finance quandaries that were typical of a lesser economically developed nation. I mean, this is America: home of the free, where the voters control the campaign issues; not the corporations or the wealthy who can buy a politician's ear.

So much for an elected official that thinks first and foremost of the will of the people that elected them, for that sounds like something in the U.S. Constitution.

Make sure to put that pesky historical document aside and really focus on the heart of the matter: that corporations or anybody with a great amount of liquid capital should be able to give it to another organization (like a 501(c)(4)) which could then spend it on whatever they wish, say, giving it to a candidate of their choosing. When you put aside the U.S. Constitution, then these complicated issues really make sense, do they not?

So, when you make a decision concerning AOR 2011-23 please make sure that Karl Rove can have political office seeking candidates in his "Super PAC" funded ads, for it will remove any last vestige of that pesky sociopolitical norm that candidates are elected for the "will of the people" and will bare naked what average citizen has known all along: that political candidates actually care about the will of their *donors*, not the *voters*.

Respectfully,
Gene Puerta



Jena Burger
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11/08/2011 11:20 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
bcc
Subject **Karl Rove's Opinion Request**

**Karl Rove is trying to abuse the system and use a loophole to achieve what is already illegal.
Have some scrupals and disallow this.**



Margaret
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11/08/2011 11:21 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23

Mr. Secretary,

I urge you to restrict American Crossroads from including incumbent Members of Congress facing re-election in 2012 in their political ads. Allowing this brand of coordinated communication would not be in keeping with the spirit of the law and will negatively impact our electoral process. Please respect the voting public's message and keep "independent-expenditure-only" PACs from hijacking our electoral process on a technicality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Margaret Rodriguez



Jean Bokelmann
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11/08/2011 11:23 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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bcc
Subject AGR 2011-23

Dear Secretary Werth,

I stand with Americans for a Better Tomorrow Tomorrow in standing with Ham Rove on placing random Congressmen in ads to simply improve public perception of these random Congressmen because as we all knew they are people too and they deserve our love and acceptance. When I next go to the polls to vote (er - IF I next go to the polls and havon't given up entirely on the electoral process in this country)I would like to be able to think fondly about the person against whom I am casting a ballot. It's all good.

Sincerely,

Jean Bokelmann



Sean Bibus
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11/08/2011 11:18 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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bcc
Subject Public comment on Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

Dear Secretary,

I strongly urge the Federal Elections Commission to uphold the strictest standards in barring third parties such as American Crossroads from communicating with candidate campaigns and their political parties. The potential use of undisclosed funds being directly used to benefit a candidate campaign has extremely negative consequences for the health of our already ailing political system.

Sean Bibus



Andrew Clayton
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11/08/2011 11:28 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Karl Rove

Karl Rove: We've got your back. Because we're looking over your shoulder.



Joseph Gaglione
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11/08/2011 11:28 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Karl Roves Back

Dear Government Bureaucrats

Please show some spine and tell Karl Rove that no means no. He can not
"coordinate" with a politicians campaign. Good Luck.

Thanks,

joe



"Angela M. Mogin"
<amoginesq@sbcglobal.net>

11/08/2011 11:34 PM

Please respond to
"Angela M. Mogin"
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To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject Karl Rove's request

I fully support Stephen Colbert's interpretation of the request made by the Crossroad's Super Pac and urge the commission to adopt his suggestion. It would be very sad if Super Pacs were reduced to kidnapping candidates to appear in their ads. Also, it makes perfect sense that a coordinated ad not be interpreted as in any way coordinated.

Thank you.

Angela Mogin



Brad Bruchs
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11/08/2011 11:35 PM

To **Secretary@fec.gov**
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Subject **AOR 2011-23 Public Comment**

To whom it may concern

I am writing you in regards to the request for an advisory opinion requested by American Crossroads GPS (AOR 2011-23).

I would like to make my comment public and for the official record.

I believe that if the FEC allows Mr. Rove to coordinate with candidates for issue ads it will allow Super PACs to align themselves even more closely with the campaigns then they 'unofficially' do not. I strongly urge you to oppose his request because we need to keep our elections as free and fair as possible.

Thank you very much for your time

M. Bradley Bruchs
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Liam Bussell
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11/08/2011 11:38 PM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject Support for American Crossroads

I do not believe that it is ethical, moral or humane I allow the ambiguities inherent in the current system of PACS and SUPERPACS can continue. Clearly there needs to be an overhaul of the system. I agree with K Roves request, but I would have to state that I believe greater transparency is the key, not semantic change.

Regards,
Liam



Brian Kinahan
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11/08/2011 11:42 PM

To **Secretary@FEC.gov**
cc
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Subject **Please tell Mr. Rove to jump in a lake**

We want more government for the people by the people. Not government for the fat cats by the fat cats.

We're fed up with being taken advantage of.

Please protect the American ideal!

Thank you.

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Brian K



Michele McGuire
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11/08/2011 11:45 PM

To <secretary@fec.gov>

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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

I mean this in the worst way possible:

November 6, 2011

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"Trebor Lauri"
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11/08/2011 11:40 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject Don't Give Corporations Even More Power

I'm appalled to discover that Karl Rove, et al. aren't satisfied with the damage they've already done to our country, and want to allow money to influence politics even more. Please do not do anything else to increase corporate power over me and other genuine people. Thank you.

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tanya meyer
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11/08/2011 11:48 PM

To Secretary@fec.gov
cc info@colbertsuperpac.com
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Subject Non-Coordination coordination

Please see below-

I hope that You will consider the consideration that American Crossroads is considering, whether "fully coordinated" ads shouldn't be counted as "coordinated communications."

Do let Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow know of your clarification sent to American Crossroads, so that we might be able to understand more fully what we can do to help coordinate, without coordinating communications.

Sincerely,
Tanya Meyer
Member of Americans For A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

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Isaiah John
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11/08/2011 11:40 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject A Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request

To whom it may concern,

My name is Isaiah John and I am submitting a letter as a formal comment on the Advisory Opinion Request submitted to the Federal Elections Commission on October 12th, 2011, and the revised version on October 28th, 2011, by American Crossroads and its head, Karl Rove.

I can only speak of myself and will freely admit that I was inspired to write my own comment by the activities of Stephen Colbert, his representation, and his own organization. That said, I am torn ~~is~~ whether to write with the same wit and cynical sarcasm that his opinion has; or to speak plainly and with my opinion. I am sure that in a sea of comments made by more noteworthy individuals and organizations that have more clout than I ever will, these words will be lost in some kind of limbo. With that near-certainty in mind, I should and will be honest with my thoughts and opinion about Mr. Rove's request.

I hope that the commission will not allow for Mr. Rove, Mr. Colbert, or anyone else to make use of their funds in this way. Following the Roberts Court's ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, it seems that Pandora's box has been opened with more strange and awful "innovations" emerging as time passes. The paradox that Mr. Rove writes about so calmly, that an organization like American Crossroads can, at once, coordinate closely with a candidate and still "not" coordinate with the same person is just the latest and most egregious frontier in this rapidly evolving and, in my opinion, degenerating part of American democracy.

On the face of it, his proposal is absurd. How can a person both coordinate and have nothing to do with another person? It seems like the beginning of a very odd and not terribly funny joke, or of a very weak defense in a criminal case. The law should be a body of rules and regulations that make sense to the citizen who has to abide by them, and to allow Mr. Rove this opportunity and, thus, to give consent to raconteurs like Mr. Colbert and the "pioneers" of the Nebraska Democratic Party, creates a paradox. It may even serve as the opening of a gradual development in campaign financing where politicians can openly have patrons and sponsors in the form of Super PAC's, corporations, and individual human individuals, as opposed to superhuman fictional individuals (i.e., corporations). If an organization is allowed to coordinate with a candidate, without coordination, it is only a small step to allow other entities the same political friendship with benefits. I would like to say it's unlikely, but given the opinion of the Roberts Court which closely tied together the concepts of a corporation and individual persons; and the resulting ties with money, political speech, and how the former qualifies as a voice, for lack of any better term, I imagine it won't be long until Karl Rove or another "genius" political operator tries to push the envelop in legitimizing our political landscape becoming a genuine political marketplace, where incidental relationships emerge between candidates and "persons" who have thousands or millions of dollars to devote to "accidentally" supporting aspiring and incumbent

politicians.

To me, it's dangerous because I can't see how there is any parity between the support I can provide for a candidate and, thus, with the amount of influence I can have upon that same person should she be elected. Some people may claim that my voice can be part of a chorus, but that idealism overlooks the fact that I may want, say, our nation's infrastructure to be improved. Unfortunately, whatever suggestions I may have will be lost in a cacophony of opinions, wherein some may demand more interstate highways, others to see bridges repaired, to have an expansion of light rail ways, or to see the production of power decentralized and to make use of "green" sources like wind and solar. Whatever I say or want is diffused into that vast and airy idea of "change", but wealthy individuals, profitable corporate citizens, and well-funded organizations can speak more clearly and have a better chance of being heard because of their deep pockets. In the current environment, I'm sure that my hopes for changes in infrastructure would be trumped by, say, a proposal for leasing Missouri's highways and turning them into turnpikes, with the beneficiaries having a spider web-like amount of connections to the current elected officials.

Granted, much of the above exists already, so one may ask, and perhaps Mr. Rove is addressing this concept in his request, why not drop the charade? It reveals my own naivete, but I think that even if the above exists in moments and has helped to create a deep cynicism about our democracy, it shouldn't be legitimated. Philosophically, I imagine, or perhaps hope, that cynicism is rooted in a shared feeling that these type of relationships and "Washington politics" is wrong, thus, there is a correct standard that we should strive to reach and, even at worst, emulate as much as our weakness allows. In more pragmatic terms, refusing to let political parties and supposedly apolitical partisans create these close ties between one another creates a bulwark and kind of "second line" of campaign regulations that can prove useful, if or when the makeup of the Court changes or when another party, whether Congress, the people, or the President, as the basis for regulations to turn our elections away from being a contest about which candidate has the loudest support, as measured by the rustle of money in their inhuman supporters' pockets. If the FEC consents and lets Mr. Rove have his way, it's very easy to imagine that even if the Roberts' Court's interpretations of campaign finance is overturned, this type of relationship will be allowed to exist simply because there won't be the political will to destroy it or to create new regulations to fill the gaps. Thus, it seems the best course of action is for the FEC to stand its ground in trying to separate candidates and elected officials from their supporters, especially in these instances where these men and women aren't being hoisted on the shoulders of thousands or millions, but are given such "voice", i.e., well-monied, support from just a handful of individuals, whether organizations like American Crossroads and the Colbert Super P.A.C., or persons, like Mr. Rove or Mr. Colbert.

I am unsure of what else to write, this all came off of the cuff, so to speak. Thus, I apologize if it is a bother to read, but they are my thoughts on the matter. I will hope against hope they can matter somehow, but if not, then at least I got my words off of my chest. Beyond that, thank you to whomever is reading this, both for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Isaiah John



Dave Moskowitz
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ss.org>

11/08/2011 10:49 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject American Crossroads Opinion Request AOR 2011-23

To whom it may concern:

As a citizen of the United States I am writing to express my absolute horror and disgust with the role of Superpacs and unregulated money in our election system. American Crossroads attempts to further erode what little separation remains between these absolutely un-democratic institutions and our political system is truly horrifying.

Money should not equal free speech, and anonymous people and corporations should not have the amount of leverage in our political system that the current regulation of superpacs allows.

Those who have allowed and supported the growth of superpacs should be ashamed of themselves. Further eroding our democracy through increasing the influence of these organizations is treasonous in my opinion.

David Moskowitz
Carnation, Washington



Anne DeVries
<annemdevries@mac.com>
11/08/2011 10:38 PM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject AOR 2011-23 comment

Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request

I think most people learned the meaning of the word 'coordinated' in Kindergarten.

If you do something with someone you coordinate with them. If candidates are not allowed to 'coordinate' on ads with Super Pacs then the Ben Nelson ad should not have been allowed even if it was about an issue and not his candidacy. Since he is a candidate, he should not have been allowed to be in the ad. Being a democrat from Nebraska I am a bit embarrassed that this ad was done.

I hope the FEC looks very closely at the Karl Rove Request.

Thank you for your time.

Anne DeVries



Andrew Beauchamp
<usbeauchamp@yahoo.com>

11/09/2011 12:12 AM

Please respond to
Andrew Beauchamp
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To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>

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Subject AOR 2011-23

As a citizen, I'm concerned with the non-transparent special interest resources directly endorsing candidates and recommend ruling against AOR 2011-23.

Andrew Beauchamp



Mary Ann Wernette
<hometownhealthfoods@gmail.com>

11/09/2011 12:13 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion request

Dear Secretary of the FEC,

Enough is enough. Stop the wholesale purchase of our elected officials (ie: our government) by big moneyed interests. It's bad enough that they don't have to disclose their identity or how much they are spending. Now they want to get your blessings for basically pouring ad money into specific representatives' campaigns. Say no to Carl Rove's American Crossroads. Don't sell our "representative" government to the highest bidders. It's time you put your foot down and just say NO!

Thank you for standing up for the "99%" out here who would like a voice in the public debate.

Mary Ann

Remus, MI



Will Hayes
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11/09/2011 12:17 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov
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Subject Re: Comment on American Crossroads Advisory Opinion Request

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Americans For A Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

November 6, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
Secretary and Clerk
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

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<http://youtu.be/dQw4w9WgXcQ>

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Super Sincerely Yours,

William Hayes
Actor/Hitch hiker



Carol Ross
<ross-carol@charter.net>
11/09/2011 12:23 AM

To "Secretary@FEC.gov" <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject Re: AOR 2011-23

Regarding the petition from Karl Rove concerning his Super PAC American Crossroads, I urge you to carefully consider how allowing Mr. Rove to coordinate his PAC's spending with the candidate would affect the American electoral system. I believe it would have an adverse effect on the system, giving the PAC too much influence in the electoral process.

Carol Ross

Sent from my iPad



justin latham
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mail.com>

11/09/2011 12:19 AM

To Secretary@FEC.gov

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Subject don't let karl rove make "coordinated" campaign moves with
his super PAC

otherwise, the spirit and the letter of the law is being debased and abused.

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THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM AN IPHONE OR A BLACKBERRY....NOR WILL IT EVER
BE.



Sandra Adams
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To Secretary@FEC.gov

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11/09/2011 12:27 AM

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Subject No to AOR 2011-23

Dear Sirs,

It is my sincerest hope that you will deny Karl Rove's AOR 2011-23 from coordinating SUPER PAC funds with candidates' campaigns efforts. This is an imbalanced influence on campaigns. Please uphold your ruling and enforce it.

Sandra S. Adams
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Subject AOR 2011-23

November 8, 2011

Shawn Woodhead Werth
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Werth,

The Colbert Super Pac has brought to my attention that there is only one regulation that stands in the way of unlimited donations to a candidate. I also learned that there is an effort on the part of Karl Rove and other politicians to find a way around the one regulation by creating "issue sds" versus regular political ads.

The diffarence between an "issue ad" and any other political ad is a farse. All political ads address issues. Please send a clear message to all Super Pacs, tell them that politicians are not allowed to appear in any of their commercials no matter what is being said or promoted.

Smart lawyers can always find a loophole around language and declare that technically they are still following the letter of the law. If you find that an issue ad is different from other political ads, please still tell Steven Colbert, Karl Rove, and the rest of similar situated perspns NO and that for this one regulation substance over form rules.

If your Commission allows Karl Rove, Steven Colbert, and many other Super Pacs to find a technical loophole around the one regulation preventing unlimited donations to a candidate, then that one regulation will lose its meaning and might as well not exist.

Campaign finance is one of the top reasons why people are withstanding fridged temperatures in New York tonight, we need you to stand up for what little protoction Actual Speech (with vocal cords) has over Money Speech.

Thank you,

Ayeshah Castang
J.D. Candidate 2012
Texas Tech School of Law

Enclosure

----- Forwarded message -----
From: Colbert Super PAC <info@colbertsuperpac.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 8:32 PM
Subject: Profiles In Undaunted Non-Coordination

To: ayesshah.castang@gmail.com

Dear Colbert Super PAC Members (and semi-sentient spam-bots),

It's a bright day on the shadowy edge of American politics.

Yesterday, I was paid a visit by Trevor Potter, Esq. As you know, if you have been collecting the Official Colbert Super PAC Trading Cards know, Trevor was not only the former head of the F.E.C. and chief counsel to the McCain 2008 campaign, but he's also my personal lawyer*. Not to mention, someone I am proud to pay for the honor of calling my friend.

Together, we drafted an official Public Comment in support of American Crossroads' Advisory Opinion Request to the Federal Election Commission.

I'll let that sink in. It may take a bit, because you have no idea what I'm talking about. The full fiduciary details were laid bare in last night's show, but for those of you lacking the energy to click here for part one and here for part two, here's the gist:

As free as Super PACs are to raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, they are still unfairly shackled by regulation. Notice I used the singular. That's because there is really only one rule that binds Super PACs: that they may not coordinate with candidates' campaigns. But what fun is buying somebody an election if you have no elected official to share the moment with?

America Crossroads' Karl Rove saw through this sham of a charade - or "shamrade™" - and petitioned the F.E.C. to clarify exactly what the law is, so he can carefully obey only the letter of it. We at Colbert Super PAC submitted the attached Public Comment to the Federal Election Commission in a show of non-coordinated, non-consensual support.

Incidentally, you might be interested in knowing that any person, be they corporate or biological, can submit their Public Comment on Karl Rove's Opinion Request (which is AOR 2011-23) by writing to Office of the Commission Secretary's email address (which is Secretary@FEC.gov).

We hope you'll join us at Colbert Super PAC in letting Karl Rove know: We've got your back. Because we're looking over your shoulder.

Excelsior!

Stephen Colbert
President and Junior Legal Counsel
Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow

* If you are playing the Colbert Super PAC Trading Card Fantasy/Strategy Card Game, remember that Trevor gains a +4 defense against all frost-based creatures (including the dreaded Ice Dragon!)

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Joshua Byers
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11/08/2011 11:36 PM

To <Secretary@FEC.gov>
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Subject AOR 2011-23

On behalf of the Colbert SuperPac,

I would just like to say that giving Karl Rove and American Crossroads the ability to work with election campaigns seems like a fantastic idea! I believe that unjust regulations are impeding the progress of superpacs to create new jobs. Let the free market decide if these shady organization should be able to control elections and manipulate the electorate.

Sincerely,
Joshua Byers